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MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have got a large number of starred questions on the agenda. Besides, the sanctioning of a half-hour debate is at my discretion and I am not allowing the hon. Member's request."

Amendment to the relevant sections of the Public Health Act, 1939.

* 99 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to amend the relevant sections of the Public Health Act, 1939, in respect of the following : setting up of two independent bodies—(i) one for the consideration of Public Health policies and (ii) for the consideration of purely technical and scientific subjects?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

Lending the services of the Officers and Inspectors of the Co-operative Department.

* 100 *Q.*—SRI S. P. SIVASUBRAMANYA NADAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Officers and Inspectors from the Co-operative Department whose services have been lent to non-governmental organizations working on co-operative lines;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that 25 per cent of their basic salary is given as additional salary to those whose services are lent;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that some societies have been threatened with supersession if departmental Secretaries are not provided for;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that some societies which failed to provide for departmental Secretaries, have been actually superseded; and

(*e*) whether the Government have any proposal to discontinue the practice of granting additional remuneration to officers whose services are lent to societies?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) As on 1st April 1954—

Deputy Registrars—16.

Co-operative Sub-Registrars—49.

Senior Inspectors—108.

Junior Inspectors—9.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir.

" (*c*) to (*e*) No, Sir."

SRI S. P. SIVASUBRAMANYA NADAR :—" Sir, what is the basis on which this additional remuneration is given? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, officers of the Co-operative department when their services are lent usually receive a deputation allowance equal to 25 per cent of their grade pay."

Publication of the Public Health Bulletin by the Director of Public Health.

* 101 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have permitted the Director of Public Health to publish " Public Health Bulletin "; and if so, the purpose for which sanction was given for the publication of the bulletin;

(*b*) when the first issue of the bulletin was published and how many issues thereafter have come out;

(*c*) the cost involved in publishing the bulletins so far;

(*d*) if the publication of the bulletin had since been suspended, what the reasons therefor are; and

(*e*) what procedure is in force to keep the officers and subordinates of the department up to date in their technical knowledge?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The Government permitted the Director of Public Health in 1949 to publish the Public Health Bulletin. The purpose was to keep the officers of the department informed of the technical matters relating to Public Health and the development of knowledge and its application in the field of Public Health from time to time.

" (*b*) The first issue was published in July 1949. Two more issues for August and September 1949 came out.

" (*c*) Rs. 450.

" (*d*) The publication was stopped owing to the difficulty in getting a continuous flow of contributions of quality from the officers of the department who were busily engaged with their onerous routine work and the difficulty in getting the editing, proof-reading and printing of the bulletins done without additional assistance.

" (*e*) Items of topical interest to the department and departmental information of outstanding importance are printed from time to time and distributed to all officers. The question of reviving the publication of the Health Bulletin is also under consideration."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Sir, in view of the valuable information contained in these bulletins, will the Government consider it desirable to make it part of the duty of the officers that they should contribute articles of an informative value? "